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Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Status of documentation

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the fifty-fourth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held at Headquarters from 2 to 27 June 2014.

2. In its resolution 1988/77 on its revitalization, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate relevant documentation in all working languages six weeks before the opening of sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs.

3. In its resolution 53/208 B on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly: (a) reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documents were available in accordance with the six-week rule for their distribution simultaneously in the six official languages; (b) reaffirmed its decision that, if a report was issued late, the reasons for the delay should be indicated when the report was introduced; and (c) decided that, if a report was submitted late to the conference services, the reasons for the delay should be included in a footnote to the document.

4. In section IV of its resolution 64/230 on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly expressed deep concern at the unprecedented high level of late submission of documentation, which, in turn, had a negative impact on the functioning of intergovernmental bodies, and, reiterating its request in its subsequent resolutions on the pattern of conferences, the latest of which was resolution 68/251, urged author departments to fully adhere to deadlines in meeting the goal of 90 per cent submission compliance.

5. Also in its resolutions on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly reiterated its request that the Secretary-General direct all departments of the Secretariat to include the following elements in their reports:

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(a) A summary of the report;

(b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;

(c) Relevant background information.

6. In those same resolutions, the General Assembly also reiterated its request that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action have conclusions and recommendations in bold print.

7. In section IV, paragraph 66 of its resolution 68/251 on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly reaffirmed its decision in section III, paragraph 9, of its resolution 59/265 that the issuance of documents in all six official languages on planning, budgetary and administrative matters requiring urgent consideration by the General Assembly shall be accorded priority.

Annex

Status of preparedness of documentation for the fifty-fourth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

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2.	**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**			
	E/AC.51/2014/1	Note by the Secretariat: annotated provisional agenda		
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	E/AC.51/2014/L.2	Note by the Secretariat: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)		
3.	**Programme questions**			
(a)	**Programme performance**			
	Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013			
	A/68/__	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013		
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(c)	**Evaluation**			
	E/AC.51/2014/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-first session on the programme evaluation of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs		

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4.	**Coordination questions**			
(a)	**Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination**			
	E/2014/__	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2013 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))		
(b)	**New Partnership for Africa's Development**			
	E/AC.51/2014/3	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 59/275)		
5.	**Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit**			
	See E/AC.51/2014/L.2			
6.	**Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session**			
	E/AC.51/2014/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fifth session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))		
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